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Over the years the eruption has destroyed homes, formed new land and created a unique opportunity for research

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Just another day at Kilauea Volcano: Eruptions continue at the summit and at the Puu Oo vent. While the ocean spigot is turned off for the moment, lava is still rolling across the higher terrain.

Currently it poses no threat to Hawaii island communities.

Thirty-five years ago today, Kilauea Volcano sprang to life as several fissures broke out on the East Rift Zone. Over the next three years, a series of 44 fountains built what became known as Puu Oo.

In all since Jan. 3, 1983, Kilauea has covered more than 55 square miles of land, added 443 acres of land to the island's southeastern coast, destroyed 215 structures and buried nearly nine miles of highway with lava as thick as 115 feet, according to the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

"What sets it apart from other eruptions is the longevity," said Daniel Akaka Jr., director of cultural affairs at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, who witnessed the early-1983 fountaining from Hirano Store in Glenwood. "This is a part of nature that is very much alive and fresh. Pele continues to build, continues to take, but she gives back. She renews."

By June 1983 the eruption had narrowed to a single event that produced spectacular lava fountains.

Scientists admit they thought the eruption would end long ago, but with surprise and delight have reaped the bonanza of research that ensued.

"It has been virtually a unique opportunity to look at the same eruption over an extended period," said Michael Garcia, a University of Hawaii volcanology professor, by telephone Tuesday. "No Hawaiian eruption, historically, has been this extended."

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The eruption of Kilauea Volcano began 35 years ago today. Pictured above is the eruption at the volcano's Puu Oo vent in 1983.

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Housing push would give boost to state's economy, expert says

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If Hawaii were to spur the development of 33,000 additional new homes between now and 2025 to address the state's housing shortage, that extra economic activity would increase the number of construction jobs by 13 percent and boost the gross state product by more than 0.5 percent, according to a University of Hawaii economist.

Carl Bonham, executive director of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, said the housing shortage in Hawaii can be seen as an "opportunity" rather than a "crisis," but cautioned that building so many more homes will require the state and counties to rethink the ways they regulate development.

"If you built as much housing as we need, it would have a positive impact on the economy," Bonham said. "It would create more jobs, it would raise incomes and it would help to stabilize home values and rents to keep them from rising as fast as they will otherwise."

He added, "We probably ought to behave like it's a crisis, and then it becomes an opportunity."

In a briefing for lawmakers at the state Capitol on Tuesday, Bonham warned that developing new

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